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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application Of:) Carboxylic Acid Derivatives, Their
Schuppan, et al.) Preparation and Use in Treating Cancer
Serial No.: 10/043,317)
Filed: January 14, 2002) Group Art Unit: 1644
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

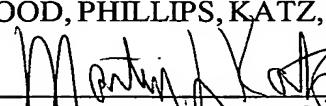
Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated October 1, 2003, Applicants elect Group I (claims 4-6), with traverse, for prosecution in the present application.

Applicants submit that both the compositions and the method of using the compositions are properly examinable together. Even though the pharmaceutical composition may be tested in in vitro assays, the assays would be intended to determine whether the endothelin inhibitor is useful for the treatment of fibrotic disorders.

Favorable consideration and allowance of claims 4-12 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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